Procurement of furniture in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, Hardwar

3007. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether authorities of Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 BHEL (Hardwar) during 1988-89 purchased furniture for the school;

(b) whether it is a fact that payment was made for the 'Sheesham' wood furniture but actually furniture was made of Luclyptus wood; and

(c) if so, whether Government process to hold any enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Furniture is purchased locally by the Principal. No complaint about purchase of furniture made of Eucalyptus wood instead of Sheesham wood has been received by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(c) Does not arise.

Memorandum from the Railway Pensioner's Welfare Association, 'Madurai

3008. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 29th April, 1990 has been received in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions from Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, Madurai;

(b) if so, what are their demands made in the said memorandum; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to settle the demands?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Association has demanded that the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission regarding retirement benefits should be given effect to from 1-6-83, the date on which the first interim relief was granted to the Central Government employees, instead of from 1-1-86 as done by the Government.

(c) The Fourth Central Pay Commission had specifically recommended giving effect to its recommendations on the retirement benefits with effect from 1-1-86. This recommendation has been accepted and implemented by Government. No change is considered necessary in this regard.

Central Assistance for Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council

@@3009. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) what was the total amount of Central assistance made to the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council during the financial year 1989-90;

(b) whether Government have received utilisation certificate of expendiure of this amount, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the amount earmarked for 1990-91 as Central financial assistance to the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Rs. 18.75 crores were allocated as special central assistance to Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC) during the financial year 1989-90.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 2590 transferred from the 30th August, 1990.